

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Hence, a need exists in the art for an efficient system and method that can effectively protect components from high-amplitude energy reflections, such as high-power millimeter wave reflections. There exists a further need for an efficient isolator that is not limited by dielectric-breakdown limits. There exists yet a further need for a beam source incorporating the efficient isolator.